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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT:REPORTED CONTINUING EXECUTIONS OF COUP PARTICIPANTS

1. IN PRIVATE EXCHANGE JANUARY 17, AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL (AI) SECGEN ENNALS TOLD PALMER OF NEA/RA THAT AI HAD JUST RECEIVED AN UNCONFIRMED REPORT FROM A USUALLY RELIABLE SOURCE THAT MILITARY EXECUTIONS WERE CONTINUING AND THAT THESE EXECUTIONS NOW TOTAL OVER 700. ENNALS SAID THAT IN A DECEMBER 30 EXCHANGE WITH PRESIDENT ZIA, THE LATTER HAD ASSURED HIM THAT THE EXECUTIONS HAD ALL BEEN COMPLETED WEEKS BEFORE. ENNALS MENTIONED TO ZIA A REPORT THAT 15 ALLEGED MUTINEERS HAD BEEN VERY RECENTLY EXECUTED IN COMILLA. ZIA HAD APPEARED SOMEWHAT EMBARRASSED BY THIS CHARGE, AND STRESSED THAT IN ANY CASE THIS WAS A STRICTLY MILITARY MATTER. ZIA DECLINED TO INFORM ENNALS HOW MANY EXECUTIONS HAD TAKEN PLACE. AT THAT TIME ENNALS ESTIMATED THAT THE FIGURE WAS BETWEEN 200 AND 300. AI'S PRESENT REPORT MAIN-
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TAINS THAT ALLEGED COUP PARTICIPANTS ARE BEING TAKEN OUT OF DACCA AND EXECUTED IN PROVINCIAL CANTONMENT.

2. ENNALS, WHO WAS PATENTLY DISTURBED BY THIS NEW REPORT, SAID THAT HE WOULD SHORTLY SEND ZIA A CABLE ABOUT IT.
3. EMBASSY'S EARLY COMMENTS WILL BE APPRECIATED. CHRISTOPHER

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